

comprises...a configuration manager 158." Therefore, as the configuration manager 158 is part of the operating system 10, the configuration manager 158 cannot be external to the operating system 10. Therefore, none of the cited art teaches or suggests providing a second configuration file that is external to an operating system package. Furthermore, the Examiner has not pointed to any suggestion or motivation in the cited art that would suggest combining the material of the background of the present application with Lipe. Therefore, for at least these reasons, the Assignee requests withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejections of claim 34 and claims 35-43 that depend therefrom.

Rejections of Claims 44-51:

The article of claim 44 includes at least one computer readable storage medium storing instructions to cause a computer to generate an external configuration file that is external to an operating system package. As discussed below in connection with claim 34, neither Lipe nor the alleged admitted prior art, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests generating a configuration file that is external to an operating system package. Therefore, for at least this reason and for the reason that the Examiner has not specifically pointed out a motivation or suggestion in the cited art for the proposed combination, the Assignee requests withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejections of claim 44 and claims 45-51 that depend therefrom.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the Assignee requests withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejections and a favorable action in the form a Notice of Allowance. Please credit any overpayments and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (MICE-0083-US).

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